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CARBON NANOTUBE STRUCTURE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2008, the applicants elect the group 1 invention, including claims 1-17, without traverse. By this amendment, claims 18-23 have been amended to be product by process claims which reference claim 1 of the elected group. Therefore, the claims do not lack unity and examination of claims 1-23 is requested.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** begin on page 2

**Remarks:** begin on page 6